

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Revocation)	
)	
or Suspension of the Educator)	ORDER OF SUSPENSION
)	(BREACH OF CONTRACT)
Certificate of Correen A. Frappaolo)	
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Certificate # 205921)	

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on Tuesday, January 11, 2005. On November 15, 2004, the Office of Teacher Education and Certification sent Correen A. Frappaolo a notice of her right to a due process hearing regarding the possible suspension of her South Carolina educator certificate by certified mail, return receipt requested, delivery restricted to addressee. Ms. Frappaola received the notice, as evidenced by the signed postal receipt. After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to suspend Ms. Frappaolo's certificate for one year.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Ms. Frappaolo holds a valid certificate, and is a first year teacher. Ms. Frappaolo signed a contract with Marion County School District Seven for the 2004-2005 school year on May 15, 2004. Ms. Frappalo was assigned as a classroom teacher at Britton's Neck Elementary School. On October 22, 2004, Ms. Frappaolo walked into the principal's office and told the principal she was leaving and not coming back. On November 9, the District Board of Trustees voted to request suspension of Ms. Frappaolo's certificate as a result of her breach of contract.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The State Board may suspend the certificate of any person for unprofessional conduct. S.C. Code Ann. §§ 59-25-150 and 160 (2004). Breach

of contract is deemed to be unprofessional conduct. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2004); 24 S.C. Code Regs. 43-58 (1992). The State Board finds that there is sufficient evidence supporting its conclusion that Ms. Frappalo breached her contract with Marion County School District Seven, warranting the suspension of Ms. Frappalo's certificate # 205921 for a period of one year, from January 11, 2005, through January 12, 2006. Should Ms. Frappalo wish to have her certificate reinstated at the end of the suspension period, she may make a written request for reinstatement to the Office of Teacher Certification.

South Carolina State Board of Education

By: /S/ Paul M. Forrester
Paul M. Forrester, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
January 11, 2005